

A romantic illustration of a man and a woman in a close embrace, nearly kissing. The man has short brown hair and is wearing a dark purple shirt. The woman has long, wavy blonde hair and is wearing a light pink top. They are set against a soft, glowing pink and white background.

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*We
cordially
invite you
to a...*

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*"Would you be my mate
for life?"*

For the sake of his little patient, Resident Doctor Yashiro Takashi agreed to a bet with the beautiful doll maker, Kuze Shinobu, who claimed to be his "destined one". Unaware of their intertwined fate, Takashi had bonded himself with Shinobu in a spirit marriage.

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REI ◆

FUJIKAWA

藤河るり

COMMENT

Date of Birth: December 17

Sign: Sagittarius

I love long, black-haired seme!
I totally enjoyed drawing Shinobu.
However, I thought he might be
a bit too beautiful...!



SAKAE ◆

MAEDA

前田 栄

COMMENT

The other day, I bought some wine
up north and drove down Route-48.
As I passed the checkpoint, I felt
like I was smuggling hard liquor
down to the wimpy central region.





M E I K O N

words by Ravi Pappanna original by Sakae Murata



1st Story



WHAT'S
THE
MATTER?



I
AM
NOT!



SHUDDER



NIP

YOU'RE
UNUSUALLY
AGGRESSIVE
TONIGHT.











ARE YOU
ALRIGHT?

thrust

thrust

Ah...
Haa...



SLICK

SLAMS

Ah...
Ah

ugh...
sick

SUCK



I CAN'T...

Hoo

CLENCH!

Mm Hoo

fu

jolt

A!!

gave



"TURN?"

SO IT CAN
PROTECT ME
WHILE I'M IN
SURGERY.

I met
Shiroko

when I
started my
residency
in the
pediatric
ward.

I WANT
A POMPOM
PUKIN STUFFED
ANIMAL!

REALLY?!

SURE!
I'LL GET
YOU ONE!





I SAW YOU
ALWAYS EATING
THE CHEAPEST
STUFF IN THE
CAFETERIA.

AREN'T
RESIDENTS
GET PAID
NEXT TO
NOTHING?



ARE
YOU SURE
YASHIRO-
SENSEI?

TO MAKE
SUCH A
PROMISE.



OH WELL...
IT'S ONLY A
STUFFED ANIMAL.
IT CAN'T BE THAT
EXPENSIVE.



NOT TO
MENTION,

THAT WAS
THE FIRST TIME
BURU-CHAN EVER
ASKED FOR
ANYTHING...



IT SHOULD
BE AROUND
HERE ACCORDING
TO WHAT THEY
TOLD ME IN
THE HOSPITAL
...

LET'S
SEE
...

AND IF IT'S
SUCCESSFUL,
SHE'LL BE JUST
LIKE ANY NORMAL,
HEALTHY KID!

EVEN THOUGH
SHE HAS THE
BEST SURGEON.
IT'S STILL
CONSIDERED
A HIGH RISK
SURGERY!

INDEED,
RUB-CHAN IS
SUCH A GOOD
PATIENT FOR
A SECOND
GRADER!

HER SURGERY
IS SCHEDULED
IN 3 DAYS,
RIGHT?





WHY I
HELP
YOU?



.....

I searched
for the closest
toy shop near
the hospital...

KUZE
DOLLS





IT'S
ACTUALLY



ARE
YOU
LOOKING
FOR A
DOLL?





I see.

IF I CALL
HIM NOW,
YOU MIGHT
BE ABLE
TO GET IT
TOMORROW.

I CAN HAVE
MY FRIEND,
WHO OWNS
A STUFFED
ANIMAL SHOP,
SEND ME ONE.

without
a doll on
display

I'M SORRY,
BUT I DON'T
HAVE PURE
STUFFED
ANIMAL.



THAT WOULD
BE GREAT!
SINCE MY
"PRINCESS"
COULDN'T WAIT
TO GET HER
HANDS ON IT!



WOULD
YOU LIKE
TO ORDER
ONE?



WAIT!

THEN, I'LL
COME BACK
TOMORROW.



A doll
shop



MAY I
OFFER
YOU THIS
GOLLY?

...HMM?



THIS IS
ONE OF MY
MASTERPIECES.

WOULD YOUR
PATIENT WOULD
LIKE TO HOLD
HER UNTIL THE
STUFFED ANIMAL
ARRIVES?



HERE,

TAKE IT
AS A
STAND-IN.

BUT...
THIS IS
OBVIOUSLY
WAY TOO
EXPENSIVE
—



HOW ABOUT
IF I BRING
THE STUFFED
ANIMAL TO THE
HOSPITAL?



Chuckle

YOU CAN'T VERY
WELL, GO BACK
EMPTY-HANDED
NOW, CAN YOU?

AT LEAST,
THIS WILL
TAKE HER
MIND OFF ON
HER UPCOMING
OPERATION.



HUSH
OUT...

OH, PLEASE
DON'T WORRY
IT'S NO TROUBLE
FOR ME AT ALL.



MAY I KNOW
YOUR NAME?

IT WOULD
MAKE IT
EASIER FOR
ME TO FIND
YOU IN THE
HOSPITAL.



IF YOU
COULD,
THAT WOULD
BE GREAT!



OH,
AND BY
THE WAY,
I'M NURSE
SHINOBU.

IT'S NICE
TO MEET
YOU!

VERY
WELL.



IT'S
YASUHIRO
YAMAGUCHI
TAKASHI.

I'LL ALSO
INFORM THE
NURSE ON-DUTY
THAT YOU'LL BE
LOOKING FOR
ME.

IF YOU COULD,
PLEASE COME
BY TOMORROW
AFTERNOON...



TAKASHI-
GAN!



OH... HOH!



Why is
everyone
staring?



KUZE
SHINOBU





THE PRICE
FOR THE
DOLL?

BUT IF YOU DON'T
MIND, WOULD YOU
FIND OUT FOR US
HOW MUCH IS THE
DOLL...?

RURI IS SO
IN LOVE WITH
IT...

100%



...WHAT
IF?



3,000,000
YEN*.



THAT'S HOW
MUCH FOR
A DOLL OF
THAT CLASS.

USUALLY, THE
DOLLS I MAKE
ARE CUSTOM-MADE
FOR THE OWNER.



ARE YOU
SERIOUSLY
CONSIDERING
PURCHASING
IT?

YES.



THEY HAVE
SPECIAL
INTRINSIC
VALUE.

MY DOLLS
ARE NOT
YOUR
AVERAGE
DOLLS.



SPECIAL
INTRINSIC
VALUE ET?



I CAST A
SPELL ON
IT.

WHEN
I MAKE
A DOLL,



I CAN
GUARANTEE
YOU IT ALWAYS
WORKS LIKE
A CHARM!

FOR
REAL?



HUH
...?

SWOOSH

DON'T WRINKLE YOUR BROWS LIKE THAT!

IT'LL PROVE TO YOU

THAT MY DOLL
CAN PROTECT
YOUR PATIENT
AND EVEN DIE
FOR HER.

HOW ABOUT

WE HAVE
A FRENCH
FLAG?

...WHAT
KIND OF
PLASBERT?



GASP

THAT'S
ABSD!

GAH.



HOW
CAN YOU
PROVE IT?



BLUSH



NOT SO
LOUD!
WE'RE
IN A
HOSPITAL.



ISN'T
THAT A
FAIR BET?



IF THE DOLL
BREAKS DURING
SURGERY AND
THE LITTLE GIRL
SURVIVES,
I WIN.

IF THE DOLL
BREAKS BUT
THE GIRL DIES,
YOU WIN.



LET'S SEE
WHAT IT
CAN DO!

AND WHAT
DO YOU
WANT IF
I LOSE?

But there's
still hope
that she'll
make it!

I'll look the
doll over
in my lab
during the
operation
so there's
no chance
the doll will
break!

But
3,000,000
yen for
a doll?

Ruri-chan's
chances of
survival during
the operation is
50-50 at best

even with
the best
surgeon
in Japan
operating
on her.



.....

VERY WELL!
IT'S A DEAL!

IF YOU
LOSE,

YOU'LL HAVE
TO PAY FOR
THE DOLL AND
THE STUFFED
ANIMAL FOR THE
LITTLE GIRL'S
FAMILY.

IF I
LOSE,

YOU DON'T
OWE ME
ANYTHING.



WELCOME!



HER BLOOD
PRESSURE
PLUMMETED.

IT
HAPPENED
WHEN THE
DOLL'S
CONDITION
TOOK A TURN
FOR THE
WORSE.



WITHOUT
ANYONE
TOUCHING
IT...



AS YOU
PREDICTED,
THE DOLL
BROKE
DURING THE
OPERATION





I GUESS NOT.



SENSE WHAT?



WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?



DIDN'T YOU SENSE IT?



THE DAY WE MET?

HUNT?

REMEMBER?



OUR
DESTINY!



SHOVE

W...

WHAT
THE
HELL!

WOULD
YOU

BE MY
MATE FOR
LIFE?

THIS IS
SOME
KIND OF
A SICK
JOKE,
RIGHT?

2nd Story

WOULD
YOU

BE MY
MATE FOR
LIFE?

IT
THIS IS
A JOKE,
RIGHT?

I CAN
ASSURE
YOU

THAT
I'M MOST
SERIOUS!



2nd Story

THIS
IS OUR
DESTINY.







TUE

WHAT
ARE YOU
DOING,
SHINOBU!

UNTIE
ME!

I LOVE
YOU

MY
TAKASU-
GANG!



15

LET ME
GO!



WHAT IF
SOMEONE
SEES US?



THIS
HAS GOT
TO BE A
BAD
DREAM
...





HE'S
LICKING ME
THERE...!?

No...

Stop
it...

The
place
for
excrement

Damn
it!

Don't
do
this
—

BLUSH



HOLST

SHIVER

Aww

Grudge
Grudge

Why
is this
happening
to me, T.

YAAAAA-
GAA...

SO, IT'S
RIGHT
HERE.

NO!

THIS
ISN'T
NORMAL!

WHY
ME!?

A
A
A
A
A



TO BE SUBJECTED
TO THIS KIND OF
HUMILIATION

Aoi

I WOULD
RATHER
DIE

A
A
A
A
H
H
H
H
H

GODDAMN

KNN...

BLANK





WHY DON'T
YOU STAY
HERE? IT'S
CLOSE TO THE
HOSPITAL.

TO MY HOME,
OF COURSE!

WHERE?



I'VE
TO GO
NOW.



YOU THINK
I DID IT
FOR THE
SPORT
OF IT?

IF NOT
THEN
WHAT?



THROUGH
WITH YOU?

WHAT
ARE YOU
TALKING
ABOUT?



WHY
AREN'T YOU
THROUGH
WITH HER?
I WANT
TO GO
HOME!



HE DIDN'T
RAPE ME ON
A WHIM...
BUT ACTUALLY
PLANNED THE
WHOLE THING
...!?



IT DOESN'T
COUNT IF
YOU'RE THE
ONLY ONE
SENSING
IT!



I GUESS
THAT'S PART
OF THE
DESTINY.



I said I do
NOT believe
in that
"destiny"
crap!

THAT'S
EVEN
WORSE!



Liar.

NO, I
DON'T!

YOU CAN
SENSE IT
TOO.



ARE YOU
ALRIGHT?
YOU SHOULD
REST...



HYDRA



ARE YOU
COULD?

BUT YOU
DON'T SEEM
TO BE
RUNNING
A FEVER
...



I don't want
to think about
it anymore—



WOULD YOU
LIKE SOME
BREAKFAST?

GOOD
MORNING!



WHEN
WILL YOU
MOVE IN?

NO.



WHY
NOT?

NEVER!



WE'RE
CONNECTED
EVEN AFTER
WE DIE.



NO ONE
CAN DECIDE
THAT!

SAYS
WHO?



IS YOUR
MATERNAL
GRANDFATHER
STILL IN GOOD
HEALTH?



GRANDPA
KAMAKURA?



I HAVE
NEVER MET
HIM BEFORE.
IT WAS MY
SURROGATE
FATHER WHO



WHAT DOES
MY GRANDPA
HAVE TO DO
WITH ANYTHING?
HOW DID YOU
EVEN KNOW
HIM?



ACTUALLY,
I THINK IT
WOULD BE
BETTER IF
YOU ASK YOUR
GRANDFATHER

HOW HE CAME
TO KNOW MY
SURROGATE
FATHER.



THAT'S...

Clench



IF HE
REMEMBERS
"THE DOLL
MASTER KUIZE".

JUST
ASK YOUR
GRANDFATHER.



Then how
could he be
so cruel to
the grandson
of his savior?

YOU NEED
TO KNOW
THE WHOLE
STORY.

THAT'S JUST
STUPID! YOU
EXPECT ME
TO FORGIVE
THE DAD OF THE
GUY WHO JUST
RUINED ME?



IF IT
WEREN'T
FOR YOUR
GRAND-
FATHER,

I
WOULDN'T
BE HERE
NOW.

What
does
that
mean?

His
Grandpa
was
Shirobe
before?



BUT
RIGHT NOW,
YOU'RE STILL
TOO FURIOUS
WITH ME.

OU— —CH

THE DOLL
MASTER
KUZEI?

You stay
away from
him!

But,
I didn't
need it
after all.

HEY!

SLAM

GRANDPA
?

I
contacted him
19 years ago
when I needed
his help.

GO.

YOU DO
KNOW HIM.
CAN YOU
TELL ME
ANYTHING
ABOUT HIM?

19 years
ago
—

"Stay
away
from him!"
he said

That was when
I finally won the
battle against the
illness which plagued
me since birth!

I was born
with a condition
which worsened
as I grew.



It came to
the point that
my parents had
to either choose
the high risk
operation or
watch me die.



When they
told my
grandpa,

he said
he would
get me a
"magic doll"
...?

WAS
THAT THE
"MAGIC
DOLL"
Daddy Said
For?



He already told the nurse staff with a happy story about us having a fight and now I won't talk to him.



By the time I caught a glimpse of him, it was too late.



The entire pediatric ward from nurses to patients fell for it!



They were all deceived by his beautiful face and charmed by the stuffed animals he brought in for the young patients!

And so, they all turned against me!

Unexpectedly, Shinobu showed up at the hospital!

wasn't that rape served as "revenge"?

If that's the truth,





SO, WHEN
WILL YOU
MOVE IN?



"WHEN"
IS OUT
OF THE
QUESTION



I NEVER
WELL

I CALLED
MY GRANDPA



They either
urge me to
make up
with him

or
give me
the cold
shoulder!



It got
warmer over
time



to the point
that no one
talks to me
unless it's
absolutely
essential



WAS IT

FOR
A DOLL?



BUT FROM WHAT
I HEARD, YOUR
GRANDFATHER
SKIPPED OUT
ON PAYING MY
SURROGATE
FATHER AND PUT
HIM IN FINANCIAL
DIFFICULTY.

I BOW
YOUR
PARDON.

I KNEW YOU
WOULDN'T BELIEVE
ME, THAT'S WHY
I DIDN'T SAY
ANYTHING LAST
TIME.



HE SAID
HE NEEDED
HELP
19 YEARS
AGO

BUT HE
REFUSED TO
ELABORATE ON
THE DETAILS
EVEN AFTER
I CALLED HIM
SEVERAL
TIMES!

HE REFUSED TO
TALK ABOUT IT...
BECAUSE HE
DEFAULTED HIS
PAYMENT.

DEFAULTED?
NO WAY!



YES, AND
HE EVEN
ASKED TO
SUSPECTS IT.

MY SURROGATE'S
FATHER PUT
MONTHS OF
EFFORT INTO
IT...

YES, RIGHT
BEFORE THE
DELIVERY, YOUR
GRANDFATHER
CANCELLED IT!

THUS, MY SURROGATE'S
FATHER RECEIVED
FULL PAYMENT
BEFORE HE STARTED
A JOB.

BUT SINCE IT
WAS REFERRED
BY ONE OF HIS
PATRONS, HE MADE
AN EXCEPTION
AND IMMEDIATELY
STARTED WORKING.



3,000,000
yen back
then was
a lot of
money...

WELL,
ISN'T
IT!?



YOU THOUGHT
I'M PURSUING
YOU OVER THAT
CONFLICT?

SO MY
GRANDPA
ORDERED THE
GOLL AND THEN
CANCELLED IT.

NOW
YOU'RE
AFTER
ME FOR
REVENGE.
IS THAT IT?

Crunch



I EMBRACED
YOU BECAUSE
I DESIRE YOU
AS A LOVER.

FEELINGS
CAN'T BE
BOUGHT!

YOU
REALLY ARE
A STUBBORN
ONE!

BUT
WHY ME?



YOU KEEP
SAYING
IT'S FATE...
BUT I DON'T
SEE IT!

THAT IT'S
A LOVE
DESTINED
FOR ALL
ETERNITY.

I'LL
CONVINCE
YOU



However,

I finally
accepted
my total
defeat and
moved in to
his place.

It seems
inevitable
that I
give in.

I didn't expect
Shinobu would
follow me to my
apartment and
to the hospital
like a stalker!

STARTING
THIS JULY

3rd Story





IS SOMETHING THE MATTER?
I NOTICED
YOU'VE BEEN
SIGHING
A LOT.

NOTHING
...



IF THERE'S
SOMETHING
BOTHERING
YOU, WHY
NOT TELL
ME?

BESIDES
THAT?

NOW THAT I
FINALLY HAVE
YOU LIVING
WITH ME,
OF COURSE,
I WON'T
LEAVE YOU
ALONE!

YOU'RE
BOTHERING
ME! YOU
WON'T LEAVE
ME ALONE!

It has been
4 months
since I
moved in.

Surprisingly,
it has been
going really
well.

At first, I thought
it would be difficult
to adjust to living
with someone,
given our bad start!

but when I'm
tired or busy,
he wouldn't
prey on me.

The food
is always
waiting for
me on the
table when
I get home.

It's true
that I don't
get much
sleep at
night.

I guess
my face
always gives
away what
I'm thinking...

Either that
or I'm such
an open
book...

Shinobu is
an expert
at reading
my mind...

Splash



Such a
gorgeous
body...

I wonder why it's
such an utmost
importance for him
that I move in
with him.

WHAT?

THUMP

YOU STILL
DON'T LIKE
ME?



He's
shaking?

Eh
...?

WHAT
DO YOU
EXPECT
...



It even
affected
my job,
which caused
several
near-misses.

I
can't
sleep
at
night

and I
had no
appetite.

I started
to lose
my hair.

—One month
after we met,
I finally realized
the depth of his
obsession.

Until
one day,
I finally
collapsed
in the
hospital.



I accepted
defeat and
was led to heaven
in with him if
he would stop
stalking me.



I had
reached
my limit.
But instead
of giving up
my dream of
becoming a
poet & artist.



Shinobu sees it
as his right
to embrace

he must have
been secretly
laughing at
my inability to
fight him off...

thought



Guilty

OF COURSE,
I WOULD
THINK SO.

YOU'RE THE
ONE WHO
KILLED HIM.
THEN TURNED
THE MURDER
AND PATIENTS
AGAINST
HIM!



I
COULDN'T
EMOTION
YOU'RE THE
ONE WHO
DEIGNED HIM!

That's
absurd!



STUNNED



YOU MEAN
ANOTHER ONE
WITH AN EYE
PROBLEM
AND A LOUSY
TASTE?



DON'T
UNDERESTIMATE
YOUR CHARM.



..



HOW OLD
ARE YOU
ANYWAY?



I want to be
with you but
I don't know
how else to
get you to
move in with
me!

I ADMIT
I PUNISHED
YOU RELENT-
LESSLY.

BUT I MUST
HAVE YOU WITH
ME REGARDLESS
THE REASONS...

BEFORE
YOU WERE
TAKEN AWAY
BY SOMEONE
WHO BECAME
OBSESSED
WITH YOU ...





I'M 18.



T... Then
where did
you learn
those...
tricks?

FROM
BOOKS
AND
VIDEOS.

He's
5 years
my junior?!

YOU'RE
ONLY
18?

YES.



YOU DON'T
BELIEVE
ME?

Alas!



WHA!
You must've
tons of
experience
—

—To be
that
good!



LONG
AGO.



MY
BROTHER
SAID THE
SAME
THING.



CLASH

I DON'T
BELIEVE
YOU!

YOU SEEMED
VERY CAPABLE
OF CARRYING
OUT SUCH AN
ACT WITHOUT
EMOTIONAL
ATTACHMENT!



HE LEFT
8 YEARS AGO
AFTER OUR
DISAGREEMENT.

YOU
HAVE A
BROTHER?

A BROTHER?
W-WHAT? HE'S
ACTUALLY MY
SUBORDINATE
FATHER'S
SON.



DID HE
FORCE
YOU?

HE
WANTED
ME

BUT I
REFUSED
HIM...



WHAT WAS
THE TYP
ABOUT?



BUT HE WAS
UPSET THAT I
REJECTED HIM
BECAUSE HE
WASNT MY
DESTINED ONE.

NO,
HE DIDNT.



HE WENT
THERE IN
SEARCH
OF A WAY
TO CHANGE
ONE'S
DESTINY.

CHINA
...?

WHY?



LIKE YOU,
WE THOUGHT
I COULD DO
IT WITHOUT
BEING
EMOTIONALLY
INVOLVED.

AND THEN
HE LEFT FOR
CHINA THAT
SAME NIGHT.



THAT'S
GOOD



YEAH,
ONCE IN A
WHILE.

HE SEEMS
TO BE DOING
WELL...



AFTER
THAT,

HAVE YOU
HEARD
FROM HIM
SINCE?



I SAW A
HIGH SCHOOL
FRIEND IN THE
HOSPITAL
TODAY.



I'M JUST
WORRIED

THAT'S
ALL.

SOMETIMES
IT WORRY?



HUH?

NOW CHEN
TELL ME
WHAT'S REALLY
BOTHERING
YOU?

EVER SINCE
YOU GOT
HOME TONIGHT,
YOU'VE BEEN
SIGHING.

THAT'S
WHAT'S
TROUBLING
ME, WE DON'T
KNOW...

WHAT'S
WRONG
WITH
HIM?

HE'S
SLOWLY
WASTING
AWAY

IS
HE
ILL?



Eh..?

1109



I'M JUST
HUGGING
YOU.

PLEASE
KEEP
TALKING.

BUT HE'S
THE KIND OF
GUY THAT
WOULD FACE
ANY HARDSHIP
WITH A SMILE

HE
MIGHT
SEEM
OVERLY
SERIOUS

HE'S
REALLY
A NICE
GUY!

SINOPU





HE'S...



HE TOLD ME
THAT HE'S
ENGAGED TO
BE MARRIED
NEXT JUNE
...



A VERY KIND
PERSON..



I know
this is
embarrassing

but I can't
resist the
comfort
Shinobu is
offering
me...



I COULDN'T
TELL HER
ANYTHING MORE
THAN WHAT THE
PRIMARY DOCTOR
ALREADY TOLD
HER.

I REALLY
DON'T KNOW
WHAT SHE
EXPECTS
FROM ME...

I WOULD
LIKE TO
SPEAK
WITH YOU
IN PERSON
IF POSSIBLE



ALL...
MAY I
SPEAK WITH
YASHIRO-
SENSEI,
PLEASE
...?

AND
HE DOES
MAKE ME
FEEL
BETTER!



YES...
THIS IS
YASHIRO.
HOW MAY
I HELP
YOU?

I SPOKE
TO HIS
FIANCÉE
ON THE
PHONE.



WHAT?

WOULD YOU
LIKE ME TO
MAKE A DOLL
FOR KARIYA-
WIN?

I CAN'T
AFFORD A
300,000
YEN DOLL.

I'M MAKING
IT TO SAVE
YOUR FRIEND,
SO IT'S FREE.

DO YOU
WANT ME
TO MAKE
A DOLL?

TAKASHI-
WIN?

THAT

KISS?

IS THE
FACT
THAT
...

WHAT'S
FRUSTRATES
ME

WE
CAN'T FIND
ANYTHING
WRONG
WITH HIM!!



YOU WANT
TO HELP
YOUR FRIEND,
DON'T YOU?



THEN,
I'LL START
MAKING IT
RIGHT AWAY.

IF NOTHING
ELSE, IT
WOULD AT
LEAST CHEER
HIM UP.



AND...

THE ONE MY
DADNAPA
CANCELLED
WAS...



THAT
DEPENDS.

THE
GENERIC
ONES START
AT HUNDREDS
OF THOUSAND
YEN. THE
UNIQUE ONES
COULD BE
MILLIONS.



I'VE
ALWAYS
WONDERED

DO ALL
CUSTOM-
MADE DOLLS
COST A
FORTUNE?



DON'T
WORRY
ABOUT THE
MONEY.



A
HUNDRED
MILLION
...?



CRP

HA...
OH



CHUG



A HUNDRED
MILLION YEN*.



YES...
I'M JUST
IN SHOCK...

CATCH



TAKASHI-
SAN!
ARE YOU
ALRIGHT?



WHAT?

TOMORROW,
WE'LL GO
VISIT YOUR
FRIEND
TOGETHER.

BUT, YOU
DON'T KNOW
HIM!

WHAT DO
I TELL HIM?



PLEASE
JUST
LEAVE IT
TO ME.



I DUNNO
I SHOULDN'T
BE DRINKING
WHEN I'M
DISTRESSED

DON'T
WORRY
ABOUT
ANY
THING

JUST
TAKE GOOD
CARE OF
YOURSELF.

I WANT YOU
TO BE HEALTHY
AND HAPPY SO
YOU'LL STAY
WITH ME FOR
THE REST OF
OUR LIVES!



I HOPE YOU
DON'T MIND
ME INTRUDING
ON YOUR
REST?

NICE TO
MAKE YOUR
ACQUAINTANCE.
I'M TAKASHI-
SAMA'S LOVER,
KURE.



THAT'S A
SURPRISE!

I'VE NO IDEA
THAT YASHIRO
GOT HIMSELF
A BOYFRIEND!



I'M VERY HAPPY,
TOD, THAT YASHIRO
OBLIVIOUSLY TRUSTS
ME TO INTRODUCE
YOU.



THIS IS THE
FIRST TIME
I MET WITH
ONE OF
TAKASHI-SAN'S
FRIENDS!

I WAS SO
EXCITED THAT
I COULDN'T
SLEEP LAST
NIGHT!



TAKASHI-SAN
WAS LOOKING
FOR A FLUFFY
STUFFED ANIMAL
FOR HIS YOUNG
PATIENT

AND CAME
TO ME A
DOLL MAKER.

THOUGH
I MUST
SAY YOUR
BOYFRIEND
IS SUCH A
BEAUTY FOR
A MAN!

HOW DID
YOU TWO
MEET?





FOR YOU
OR FOR
HER?



IT WAS
LOVE AT
FIRST
SIGHT.



YASUHO,
THIS IS
MITSUKI'S
YOUNGER
BROTHER,
KATSUNORI-KUN!

MITSUKI!

OH,
YASUHO-
SENSEI!

AND THIS IS
MY HIGH SCHOOL
FRIEND, YASUHO
AND HIS FRIEND,
KATE!

I'M SO GLAD
YOU ALL CAME!







MY
BROTHER
HAS
RETURNED.



HOW'S
THAT
POSSIBLE?

AND IF THAT'S
THE CASE, HE
MIGHT HAVE
SOMETHING
TO DO WITH
KAWA-SAKI'S
MYSTERIOUS
ILLNESS.



HE ACTED
LIKE HE HAD
HEARD OF
ME BEFORE.



I MEAN NOT
NECESSARILY
ME.

BUT
THE NAME
"DOLL MAKER
KAZU"...



SHINOGAWA
— 7 —

OUT OF ALL
THE POSSIBLE
SCENARIOS
THAT COMES
TO MIND, THE
WORST ONE
WOULD BE



C...
CURSE?



KANYA-GAN'S
ILLNESS IS
VERY LIKELY
CAUSED BY
MY BROTHER'S
CURSE...

IN MY
SURROGATE
FATHER'S
COUNTRY,
DOLL MAKING
IS ACTUALLY
A BRANCH OF
SORCERY!



YOU GOTTA
BE KIDDING!
DON'T TELL
ME YOU CAN
ACTUALLY
CURSE
PEOPLE...

YOU MEAN
A CURSE CAN
MAKE KANYA
THAT SICK?



ONLY THE HEIR
IS ALLOWED
TO LEARN THE
CURSES

I'M NOT
A DIRECT
DESCENDANT
OF THE KUISE
FAMILY

NO,
I CAN'T!



ACTUALLY,
IN THIS
CASE, THE
PURPOSE
OF THE
CURSE
IS TO



BUT WHY
WOULD ANY
DOLL MAKER
DO SUCH AN
EVIL DEED?

TO MAKE A
PERSON ILL
SO HE COULD
SELL HIS DOLL
TO THAT VICTIM?

WAIT



TO
STEAL
THE
SPIRIT

BUT
WHY

MAKE A
"SACRIFICIAL"
DOLL?



STEAL
THE
VICTIM'S

SPIRIT?



CAN STEAL
A HUMAN
SPIRIT AND
SEAL IT INTO
A DOLL!

THE HEIR
OF THE
KUGS
FAMILY



IF A
PERSON'S
SPIRIT WAS
SEALED INTO
A DOLL AT
THE PRECISE
MOMENT IT WAS
FINISHED

THE DOLL THEN,
FOR ALL INTENTS
AND PURPOSES,
CAN HAVE ITS
OWNER

ALONG WITH
THAT PERSON'S
GENDER, BIRTH
YEAR, DATE,
AND TIME.

THAT'S WHY
IT'S CALLED
A SACRIFICIAL
DOLL.

WAIT A
SECOND!!

WHAT



LIFE A
SCAFECORT
IF

SOMEONE
IS STEALING
SADAMA'S
SPIRIT TO PUT
INTO A DOLL?

WHAT
ARE YOU
SAYING?



Taka

TAKAMA
SAY...



BUT IT'S ALSO
POSSIBLE THAT
IT COULD BE
FOR OTHER
REASON WHY
SOMEONE
IS STEALING
HIS SPIRIT.

THAT'S
ONE
THEORY.



MY HEAD SIMPLY
REJECTS THAT
YOUR SURROGATE
FATHER AND YOUR
BROTHER-IN-NAME
COULD STEAL
HUMAN SPIRIT
AND PUT IT INTO
A DOLL!

BUT,
PRESUMING
THEY COULD

...WHAT
WOULD
HAPPEN
TO THE
VICTIM?



THEY
MUST TAKE
ANOTHER?

SO
IN ORDER
FOR THEM
TO SAVE
A LIFE.

THE
VICTIM'S BODY
STARTS TO
DETERIORATE.



SNAP

YES.

THAT'S
IMMORAL!
THEY HAVE
NO RIGHT
TO PLAY
GOD!



RIGHT
NOW,
WE'RE
RUNNING
OUT OF
TIME!

WE CAN
DISCUSS
THAT
LATER.



Q... RIGHT

ONCE KARIYA
BECOMES
UNCONSCIOUS,
ALL IS LOST.

LET'S
CONCENTRATE
ON SAVING
KARIYA FIRST.

RUNNING
OUT OF
TANK?



IN ORDER
FOR THE
CURSE TO WORK,

THE
SORCERER
HAS TO BE
NEARBY!

WE HAVE
TO SEARCH THE
HOSPITAL GROUNDS.
WE CAN'T STOP
THE CURSE UNLESS
WE CATCH THE
SORCERER.

HOW DO
WE SAVE
KARIYA?



NO, HE SAID
HE "WANTED"
ME.

I THOUGHT
YOUR BROTHER-
IN-LAW WAS
IN LOVE WITH
YOU AND THAT'S
WHY HE LEFT?



REALLY?

OF
COURSE!

WHATEVER!
HE WON'T
FACE YOU
BECAUSE
HIS FEELINGS
ARE STILL
HURT...



THIS WOULD'VE
BEEN EASIER IF
HE CAME BACK
HOME SO I
COULD ASK
HIM...



IN ANY CASE,
THERE'S STILL
THE QUESTION
OF WHO
COMMISSIONED
THE DOG...

COULD
IT BE



KATSUNORI-
KUN...?



BUT!

WHY WOULD
HE NEED A
SACRIFICIAL
DOLL?

WHAT
MADE HIM
HATE KAREYA
SO MUCH THAT
HE WOULD
KILL HIM?



I'M
ALMOST
POSITIVE
IT'S HIM!



I'M AFRAID
IN THIS CASE
IT'S JUST THE
OPPOSITE.



YOU
MEAN

WHAT?

HE LOVES
KAMIYA SO
MUCH

THE
OPPOSITE?

THAT HE
WANTS TO
SEAL HIM IN
A DOLL ALL
TO HIMSELF

KATHARINE
LOVES ...
KAMIYA ...?

I
BELIEVE
SO.

Why
couldn't
he just
confess
to Kamiya?

Ah!

LOVE
MAKING NO
BOUNDARIES

BUT
KAMIYA
IN HIS
OLDER
SISTER'S
FURGE...

Because
he can't

Unlike Shinoto,
normal people
wouldn't openly
admit their love
to another
person of the
same sex!



HOWEVER...
THAT'S
ASSUMING
IF THEY ARE
USING AN
ARBITRATOR.

IF KATSUNORI
WAS DEALING
WITH MY BROTHER
DIRECTLY...

I HAVEN'T
MENTIONED
THIS, BUT BEFORE
THE ORDER CAN
GET STARTED, A
CONTRACT MUST
BE SIGNED BY
THE CUSTOMER
AND THE DOLL
MAKER.

THE RUZE FAMILY
MUST GO THROUGH
AN ARBITRATOR
BEFORE ANY MAGIC
IS PERFORMED.

THE
ARBITRATOR
MUST VERIFY ALL
THE INFORMATION
PROVIDED BY
THE CUSTOMER
TO ENSURE THAT
THE CUSTOMER
WILL USE THE
DOLL AS STATED
IN THE CONTRACT.



SO HE
WANTS TO
TURN KAMMA
INTO A DOLL?

HE'S
SICK!



I'M SURE
MY BROTHER
CONVINCED
HER THAT
IT WOULD
WORK.



'CONVINCED'
...?
OH DID HE
PUT A SPELL
ON THAT
DESPERATE
BASTARD!



IT WOULDN'T
BE AS SIMPLE
AS THAT.



A DOLL LIKE
THAT WOULD
COST AT LEAST
BILLIONS...

WHAT
ABOUT THE
PAYMENT?



LET'S JUST SAY
THAT MY BROTHER
IS THE TYPE OF
PERSON WHO
HAS NO QUALMS
ABOUT PUTTING HIS
CONSCIENCE ASIDE
TO GET WHAT
HE WANTS...



HOWEVER,

MY BROTHER
COULDN'T DO
IT FOR FREE
IF HE CHOSE
TO



MY SURROGATE
FATHER INDEED
CHARGED
MILLIONS
FOR A DOLL
LIKE THAT.



THE
CONTRACT
HAD NOTHING
TO DO WITH
THE PAYMENT.

ACTUALLY,

WHAT?



TAKASHI-
SUN?

WHAT'S THE
MATTER?
YOU LOOK
PALE...



THE DOLL
THAT WAS
MADE FOR
ME...
19 YEARS
AGO...

SHINJI

YOU ARE IN
IT AND
SHOULD WITH
A SPIRIT?

WAS IT
FINISHED?





YES.

IT WAS.

SHINOBU

TAKASHI-SAN!

ARE YOU
ALRIGHT?

GET
REAL!

TO KNOW
THAT
SOMEONE
WAS KILLED
IN ORDER
TO SAVE
ME!

IT
HAPPENED
AND NOW...

HOW
COULD
ANYTHING
LIVE
WITHOUT
A BODY?

THE
DISINTEGRATION
OF A BODY
DOESN'T
NECESSARILY
MEAN DEATH.



HOW
COULD
ANYONE
LET THIS
HAPPEN?

THE PAIN OF
GRIEF THAT
THEY MUST'VE
FELT WHEN
THEY LOST
HIM!

HIS
FAMILY,
HIS
FRIENDS
...



MY PARENTS
WORKED SO
HARD TO KEEP
ME ALIVE,

MY LIFE
IS CURSED
SINCE BIRTH!

AND I MADE
MY GRANDPA
A MURDERER!



BUT HE DID IT
BECAUSE OF
MY WEAK
BODY
...



IT WAS YOUR
GRANDPA'S
DEED.

I DON'T
UNDERSTAND
WHY YOU FEEL
GUILTY...



I'M REALLY
GLAD THAT
YOU GROW UP
PERFECTLY
HEALTHY

YOU
HAVE DONE
NOTHING
WRONG

AND
I LOVE
YOU NO
MATTER
WHAT

HE
MADE THE
CHOICE

AND
HE HAS
TO LIVE
WITH IT.



SO WE
COULD
MEET!

I THANK
GOD FOR
THAT!

HOWEVER,
AT THE TIME,
SHINOBU DID
NOT TELL ME
THE BIGGEST
SECRET OF
ALL!

SHINOBU



YES.

DOES
THE DOLL
STILL
EXIST?

AND IF
SOMETHING
HAPPENS TO
ME, THE DOLL
WILL BREAK?

YES.

THAT'S THE
FATE OF A
SACRIFICIAL
DOLL.

CAN'T WE
REVERSE
IT?

THE ORIGINAL
BODY OF THE
SPIRIT HAS
LONG TURNED
INTO DUST.

NOT
UNLESS
WE CAN
TURN BACK
TIME?



JUST LIVE
HAPPILY

THE WAY
YOU WANT
TO LIVE.



SO IT
CAN'T BE
UNDONE
...



WHAT DO
I DO...

NOTHING
...



YOU DON'T
NEED TO DO
ANYTHING.

to ease
this
sadness
—

I want
to do
something

TAKASHI-
SAN.

GRIP

BUT THIS
TIME...

WE
CAN'T DO
ANYTHING
ABOUT IT
19 YEARS
AGO.

WE
MUST HELP
KARUYA-SAN.





HOWDY,
YASHERO-
SENSEI!

I'M SORRY.
DO I KNOW
YOU?

NOPE, BUT
I BELIEVE
YOU'RE LOOKING
FOR ME, SO
HERE I AM!

NOT VERY
BRIGHT,
ARE YOU?

.....



SHINGO'S BROTHER-IN-LAW?

YUP



THE NAME IS

KIIZO TAKEDA



THAT'S NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS!



WHAT?

YOU'RE SLEEPING WITH HER, AREN'T YOU?



SO, IS SHINGO SATISFYING YOUR NEEDS?



Wanna
give me
a try?

So how
about it?

I've been
waiting here
for you
to get off
from work.



Who
asked
you?



.....
?



Wait!

DASH

Oh!

SHAP
19.



ONLY SO
SHINGORU
CAN TALK
TO YOU!

HE'S RIGHT
OUTSIDE BY
THE DOOR.
GO TALK
TO HIM!



WHAT?

AREN'T YOU
LOOKING
FOR ME?



OH, NO?



LET'S
NOT CALL
SHINGORU
YET!



I HAVEN'T
DECIDED
YET

IF YOU'RE
ANY THREAT
OR JUST ALL
BRAVING!



ARE YOU
SCARED
OF ME?



WHAT?

JUST SO
YOU KNOW
I NEVER
BELIEVE IN
BANDAGE
RULE!



YOU...

HOW
OLD
ARE
YOU?



I'M STILL IN
THE MIDDLE
OF WORKING
ON MY ART,
SO DON'T
RUSH ME!
☆



I'M SO
HAPPY
NOW!

WHA,
YOU'RE
PERSISTENT!

HOW
OLD?



ACTUALLY,
I'M DISCOMFORTED
WITH MYSELF!

SHINOGU
IS EVEN
YOUNGER
THAN ME!

HEY, DON'T
LOOK AT ME
WITH SUCH
DISGUST!



WAW

I LIKE
YOU!



HOW ABOUT
I LET YOU
RIDE ME ON
TOP?

DO YOU
LIKE LONG
RIDES?



OR MAYBE
ALTERNATING
ON BOTH?

?



SO WHAT?
DO YOU
PREFER?

THE
FRONT
OR THE
BACK?

Arggh



Stop it,
Take-
kun...

WHY?
ONLY SHIROBU
CAN DO
YOU?

OH, NO!
I WON'T
TELL!

JUST
TAKEBU
WOULD
BE FINE!

TAKEBU-
KUN!



YOU
KNOW
I'M
REALLY
GOOD!

I
GUARANTEE
TO TAKE YOU
ALL THE WAY
TO HEAVEN!



AND HE
ALREADY
DID YOU
AFTER
ALL...

OH?
IS THAT SOY
LUCKY ME—!
I'M GONNA BE
YOUR FIRST!
♡

WRONG!

For the
record,
I do NOT
like sleeping
with men!



HUH?

TH-THAT'S
OR NOT, YOU
BROTHERS
ARE DOING



Blush





WHAT
DO YOU
MEAN
...?

SHUT
UP!

LOVE

LEAVE ME
ALONE!!

WAH!

THUD
THUD
THUD

I don't
deserve
such vulgar
treatment!

I must put
as much
distance
between us
as possible!

no one
takes me
seriously!

Just because
I'm small and
weak,

SHIT!



THAT
WAS SOME
TANTALUM
YOU HAD
BACK
THERE.



BUT
OBVIOUSLY
NOT ENOUGH
TO KILL A
BIG GUY
LIKE YOU!



AFTER ALL,
I DON'T WANT
A REPLACEMENT
BUT I LOVE YOU!

HOW
CREEPY!

YOU
COULD'VE
KILLED ME!



and find
Shinobu



Damn it!
Hey!

DASH

GRAB!

MAYBE I
CAN BORROW
YOUR DOLL,
GENSHEI?

THIS
BASTARD!

THIS IS WHAT
I SHOULD'VE
DONE FROM
THE START!

BEHAVE,
KITTY!

LET
GO!!

GRAB



SLIP

STOP

Um!!

GET
OFF
ME!



SHALL WE
CONTINUE?

DON'T YOU
LIKE IT?



Shinobu!

No!

NO ONE
WILL COME.

Shit!
Somebody
help!



You're
really
pushing
your
luck!

Damn
you!

YOU'RE
THE ONE
PUSHING
YOUR
LUCK.



SHINOBU!

SHINOBU!
SHINOBU!



Whoa!

Stop
it!

Ouch!

Shinobu!



Shinobu

Shinobu

ARE YOU
ALRIGHT,
TAKASHI-
SAN?

YOU'RE
STILL AS
UNEARTHLY
BEAUTIFUL
AS EVER!

LONG
TIME,
SHINOBU

YEAH.

YOU DO
REALIZE
HE'S MY
DESTINED
ONE,
RIGHT?





I DON'T
KNOW WHAT
YOU WERE
FOUND IN
CHINA.

BUT WHAT I
DO KNOW IS
THIS CAN'T
BE EASILY
CHANGED.

THEN,
I'LL CHANGE
THAT FATE!

BECAUSE
YOU
BELIEVE
THIS IS
FATE?

YES.



ADAM

DID HE
TOUCH
HER?

YES

...



SO
I CAN
CLEAN
YOU.



HOW?

SHOW
ME.





Hee

Hee

Hee

CREAM

Fu

YOU
CAN'T WAIT
ALREADY?

BUT YOU
HAVEN'T
SHOWN
ME YET

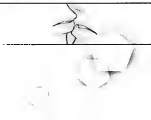
WHAT
HE DID
TO YOU.







For the
first time...



I WAS
THE ONE
WHO BEGGED
FOR SHINOBU'S
TOUCH



M E I K O N

comic by Rait Fajkova original by Sakae Maida



Finale

IT'S THE
POWER OF LOVE

...

HOW
DID YOU
KNOW

THAT I
WAS IN
TROUBLE?

WHEN YOU
WERE IN
DANGER,
TAKASHI-
SAN,

I COULD
SENSE YOUR
DISTRESS!

Finale



I received
the dire
warning from
Shinobu's
brother-in-
law, Takaru
who harassed
me last night.

I SHOULD SAY
YOU HAVE ABOUT
5 DAYS LEFT
BEFORE YOUR
FRIEND DIES.

BETTER
HURRY BACK
TO THE
HOSPITAL,
SUNOSUKE

KAMIYA
..!!

Takaru
can extract
human spirit
and seal
it into
a doll.

As the heir
of the Kuze
family,

He's
the culprit
behind the
mysterious
illness of

my dying
friend,
Kamihara

He will be
referred to as
Sunosuke.

Once a bond
is established
with its owner,
it would in turn
save its owner's
life in any
circumstances.

PLEASE BE
ALRIGHT
...!!

SOUND!

THAT
WAS
FAST!

Dash

Eh?

freeze

POINT





MI-SOBE

YOUR LOVE
FOR YOUR
DESTINED
ONE IS YOUR
DOWNFALL.



WHAT
DID YOU
DO?!

SHINOBU

SHINOBU



...ALL YOU
HAVE TO
DO IS SAY
"I HATE
SHINOBU"

DON'T
SHINOBU
FORCE
HIMSELF
ON YOU?

IF HE DIES,
YOU'LL BE
FREE!

AND
I'LL TAKE
CARE OF
EVERYTHING
ELSE!

I GUESS
YOU'RE NOT
GONNA SAY
IT, HUNT?

Shino



NORMALLY,
MY DAD WOULD
HAVE REFUSED
SUCH AN
ORDER.

OF A
SACRIFICIAL
DOLL TO
SAVE YOU.

HOWEVER,

YOUR
GRANDFATHER
MANAGED TO
FIND A BOY
OF YOUR
AGE AS THE
SCAPEGOAT.

MY
GRANDPA
...?

EVEN THOUGH
MY DAD WAS
ALREADY ON
THE BRINK OF
COLLAPSE!

EVERYDAY,
HE YELLED AT
MY DAD TO
FINISH THE
DOLL.

— 19 YEARS
AGO... YOUR
GRANDFATHER
DEMANDED TO
EXPEDITE HIS
ORDER



THE
MEIKON*
DOLL!



AT HIS
WIFE'S END,
HE DECIDED TO
UNLOCK THE
ANCIENT DOLL
OF OUR FAMILY
HEIRLOOM.



A DOLL WHICH
IS KNOWN
AS A LEGEND.



A LEGEND
DOLL?



KLANK

YES,

YOUR
DOLL
IS...

798 This is China's Empress Wu in the Tang Dynasty,
the only female emperor in the Chinese history.



A Madam doll
was once made
in ancient times...

in the land
of great
civilization
and culture.



Her only
companion
was a doll
custom-made
for her.



LIKE A
LIVING
PERSON

Upon the
birth of
an empress,

A soul would
be sealed into
the doll so
the doll could
love the
empress
forever as it
grew up with
the empress

the doll master
started making
the waikoon doll
to be presented
to the empress
on her inaugural
day.



SHINOBU

..!!

THAT'S RIGHT!
SHINOBU IS
YOUR DOLL.

THIS
IS OUR
DESTINY.

PLEASE BE
MY MATE
FOR LIFE.

LIKE A
LIVING
PERSON
...?

THAT'S
RIGHT!

A DOLL
THAT WOULD
LOVE ITS
OWNER
UNCONDITION-
ALLY...?

FOR ALL
ETERNITY!

ONCE THE MARRIAGE
CEREMONY WAS
PERFORMED, THE
DOLL AND ITS
OWNER WOULD
BE CONNECTED
FOR LIFE.



SINCE YOU
EVENTUALLY
GREW UP
HEALTHY ON
YOUR OWN,

SHINDEU
GREW UP
WITH ME LIKE
A BROTHER.



GO,
WHAT
DO YOU
THINK?

AS A DOLL
ALPHA, I'VE
ALWAYS WANTED
TO MAKE ANOTHER
SUCH PERFECT
DOLL LIKE HER.

WHICH IS
WHY I WANT
TO CHINA
TO FURTHER
MY STUDIES.

I WANT TO
BE WITH YOU
FOREVER.....

CAN'T HE
BE THE MOST
PERFECT DOLL?



AS IT
TURNS OUT,
IT'S QUITE
SIMPLE.

ALL IT TAKES
IS FOR THE
OWNER TO
REJECT THE
CONTRACT.



I WAS
SPECIFICALLY
LOOKING FOR
A WAY TO ANNEAL
A MERION
CONTRACT. IN
OTHER WORDS, TO
BREAK A MERION
ENGAGEMENT.

YES.

I THOUGHT
YOU WENT TO
LOOK FOR
A WAY TO
CHANGE ONE'S
FATE?



AFTER
BEING
ABANDONED
FOR 19 YEARS,
HE WOULD
DO ANYTHING
TO BOND
YOU TO
HIM.

WASBE
BECAUSE
YOU WEREN'T
SERIOUSLY
REJECTING
HIM...



IF THAT'S
THE TRUTH,

THEN
HOW COULD
SOMEONE
FORCE ME TO
MOVE IN WITH
HIM DESPITE MY
OBJECTIONS?



THE SOUL WILL
FOREVER LOVE
ITS OWNER, AND
PLEDGES ITS LOYALTY
TO HIM, EVEN IF
IT'S ONE-SIDED.

BUT EVEN
IF YOU DON'T
DISLIKE HIM,

A MERION
CONTRACT IS
A SPECIAL
CONTRACT OF
ONE SOUL TO
ANOTHER.

HE'LL FOLLOW
YOU FOREVER
LIKE YOUR
SHADOW...





YOU WERE
ACTUALLY
MY AGE
WHEN YOU
WERE...

SO...

what would
happen to
Shinobu..?

or if
I rejected
the wedding
contract...

If Shinobu
and I had
never met

...

DO YOU
WANT A
STALKER
AFTER YOU
FOR THE
REST OF
YOUR LIFE?



TAKASHI-
SAN,

I LOVE
YOU



WILL HE JUST
DISAPPEAR
WITHOUT
A TRACE

..?



IF YOU
SAY YOU
DON'T
WANT
HIM...

SHINOBU
PLEDGED
YOU ONLY
BECAUSE
OF THE
CONTRACT.



I DON'T
WANT ANY
OF THIS!

NO!

THIS IS
NOT MY
CHOICE!



I still don't
want to
let go of
his hand!

and then
he has to
love me
no matter
what!

Yet,
in spite
of all
that...

He was killed
because of
me

I know!

But this
is not
right



CLASP

I can see
everything
clearly now

Ah!
Now
I see

THAT
I LOVE
SHINOBU

Shinji

DO YOU
REALLY
WANT A DOLL
THAT DOES
EVERYTHING
YOU SAY?

...TOO BAD,
I'M NOT
BREAKING THE
CONTRACT!



TRUE, BUT I
DON'T CARE
FOR HIS
"PERSONALITY"
AT ALL!



ON THE
CONTRARY,
HE HAS
NEVER DONE
ANYTHING
I SAID!

AND
LOOK WHO'S
TALKING! DON'T
YOU ONCE TELL
SHINOBU THAT
YOU "HATED"
HIM!



I ONLY
WANT HIM
AS A MIRROR
DOLL, A PURE
PROTOTYPE!

I CAN'T
STAND HIM
AS A PERSON!



...FINE!
THEN I'LL
JUST GO
AHEAD WITH
PLAN-B!



THEIR-
FORE,

IF YOU REFUSE
TO BREAK THE
ENGAGEMENT,
THE MIBION
CONTRACT WILL
CONTINUE
EVEN IN THE
AFTERLIFE!



SHINOGU
MIGHT
STOP
LOVING
YOU!

IF YOU
MARRY
ANOTHER
DOLL,

YOU
GOTTA
BE
KIDDING
!

THE ONLY WAY
TO END IT IS
FOR YOU TO
ENTER A MIBION
CELEBRITY WITH
ANOTHER DOLL
INSTEAD!



What can
I do? He's
my sister's
friend!



Katsunori-
kun! Aren't
you gonna do
something?!



EH...?

KAMIYA'S
FIRST LOVE
WAS A MAN!
I THINK
IT'S YOU!



HARRY HIM
YOURSELF!!



W
H
A
T
!?

But L



GET UP,
SHINOBU!

OTHERWISE,
I WON'T TELL
YOU THAT
I LOVE YOU!!



NICE TRY!
BUT THE
GAME IS
OVER!



SHINOBU
!

HE'S
OUT.



Shinobu!

Shinobu!



REALLY?



SHIMORU
...?



DON'T
WORRY,
IT'S ONLY
A DOLL.



KATSURU
KUN.

THE CURSE
HAS BEEN
LIFTED!

SINCE
THE DOLL
IS NOW
DESTROYED,
KUNIKIDA-SAN
WILL GRADUALLY
GET BETTER
FROM THIS
POINT ON.

HEY!

IT
TOOK ME
6 YEARS
TO MAKE
THAT DOLL

didn't
know

IF KAMISA-SAN
WERE TO HAVE
DIED, HOW WOULD
YOU EXPLAIN THE
DOLL TO PEOPLE
WHEN THEY SEE
IT IN YOUR
HOUSE?

HE ~~DOES~~
CONVINCIBLY
DON'T
PREPARE, YOU
CAN WAIT TO
EXPECT ONCE
YOU HAVE THE
MEIKON DOLL.

YOU'VE
BEEN
TRICKED
BY MY
BROTHER.

THE DOLL WILL
PLEDGE ITS LOVE
AND LOYALTY
TO YOU.

MEIKON IS A
COMMITMENT.

BUT,

—
UGH!

HOW ABOUT YOU?
DO YOU EVEN
HAVE THE
COURAGE TO
ADMIT YOUR
FEELINGS?



I TRIED
TO TAKE
THE EASY
WAY...



...
IT WAS A
CONFESS.

THE PERSON
YOU LOVE
MIGHT TURN
OUT TO HATE
YOU.

BUT
A DOLL
WOULD
NEVER DO
THAT... YOU
KNOW.



YOU CAN
START OVER
BY DOING THE
RIGHT THING
AND CONFESS
YOUR FEELINGS
TO THE ONE
YOU LOVE.

LET'S PUT THIS
WHOLE THING
BEHIND US.



YOU KNOW
I COULD
NEVER KNOW
MY OWNERS
WISHES.

HOW
DID YOU
GET UP??

AND YOU,
BROTHER,
JUST
ABIDE BY
THE RULES
OF THE
FAMILY!

TAKASHI-
SUN!

I HEARD
YOU SAID
YOU LOVE
ME.

...EH?

DIDN'T YOU
SAID YOU'LL
PROCLAIM
YOUR LOVE
IF I GOT UP?



SHE...
SHINOBU...

AND
YOU SAID
YOU ALWAYS
KEEP YOUR
WORD.



OH!
YOU TWO!

HOLD
OFF A BIT
BEFORE YOU
DEBATE
YOUR
"MARRIAGE"!



I SEE!
YOU CAN'T
SAY IT
BECAUSE
MY BROTHER
IS HERE!

No~

No~



YES?



ER...
WELL...
I...



NO,
THANKS!

TAKASHI-SAN
WOULD EVER
AGREE TO
THAT.



WHEN I MADE
THIS BOND, I
WAS HOPING TO
FREE SHINOBU'S
SOUL INTO IT
SO HE WOULD
NO LONGER BE
BONDED TO THE
PERSON CONTRACT.



BUT WHAT IF
YOUR FEELINGS
FOR GENGEI
WAS ONLY
BECAUSE OF
THE CONTRACT?



THAT'S
DEFINITELY
NOT THE
CASE!

I CAN
ASSURE
YOU



IT IS SHALLOW
OF YOU TO IGNORE
THE CONNECTION
OF THE TWO AS
A COMPLETE
ENTITY.

"KLUZE SHINOBU"
IS MADE UP
OF THIS BODY
AND SOUL.

YOU
DON'T
LIKE MY
DOLL?



I HAVE
ABSOLUTELY
NO INTEREST
IN THAT
VENTURE.



YOU...

DON'T YOU
WANT ME
TO REVIVE
THE MAKING
OF NEKON
DOLL?



...PLEASE,



FINE,
IF YOU
SAY
SO!

HOIST

SEE YA!



WELL
THEN,

SHALL
WE GO
HOMER?



TELL
ME
YOU
LOVE
ME

ONE
MORE
TIME.



I LOVE
YOU.

IF THE
CONTRACT
WAS
SOMEHOW
ANNULLED,



TAKASHI-SAN,
I FELL IN
LOVE WITH
YOU ON
MY OWN
FREE WILL.



WOULD YOU
STILL LOVE
ME...?

MAYBE
I'M A
COWARD.

BUT I
WANT TO
BOND US
TOGETHER
FOR ALL
ETERNITY

EVEN
IN OUR
AFTERLIFE!

HUG

CLENCH!

TAKASHI
GAP.



I'VE
ALWAYS
THOUGHT
THAT I'M
THE MOST
FORTUNATE
TO BE
CONTRACTED
TO YOU!



THAT'S
WHY...

Jolt



SHINOBU...



I'VE BEEN
WAITING FOR
THIS MOMENT.

THUMP

FOR US TO
FINALLY PROCLAIM
OUR LOVE AS WE
ARE DOING NOW
...

Alva
...





SHOCKED

RITE
AND...

NIP

AAAAHHH!!



DO YOU
SWEAR YOU
LOVE ME?



YES,
I SWEAR
I LOVE
YOU.



AND EVEN
AFTER WE
DIE.

WE'LL
ALWAYS BE
TOGETHER.



...IN
HEAVEN
OR HELL

HE'S MY
DESTINED
ONE

END

Greetings! Maeda Sakae here!

I wrote the novel "Meikon" in 1999.

After I wrote it, I was actually contemplating on continuing it with a sequel. Something like: "Takeru went on a quest and met a man who resembled Shinobu. He tried to bring that man to Shinobu so he can swap their souls. However, he ended up falling in love with that man, whose character was totally different from Shinobu, and he struggled between choosing that man's soul or giving up the meikon doll..." Now, I'm glad I didn't. Otherwise, it would have been an even freakier manga to read I think (dry laugh).

Lastly, I want to thank Fujikawa-sensei for her excellent drawings!

I hope to see you again in my next work.

前
田 Maeda Sakae
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Postscript

Ruri Fujikawa



Greetings! Fujikawa Ruri here! Thank you very much for picking up this book!~* This is my first time drawing someone else's story! I was actually quite nervous!~ #thump thump# (Next Page)

Translator's Notes:

1. "Meikon" literally means "ghost marriage". It's a marriage in which one or both parties are deceased. In this book, since it's referred as a marriage between a person and a doll, or rather, their souls, I decided to use "spirit marriage" instead.
2. In Chinese superstition, a sorcerer could write down the victim's name, gender, birth date, and time, on a doll and perform curses on that doll to kill the victim.
3. A Meikon doll is not only a sacrificial doll but also a "living" doll and can grow old with its owner like a normal person. It can actually be "married" to its owner. And once the ceremony is performed, the doll and its owner are connected forever. The Kamiya doll is half way inbetween a sacrificial doll and a Meikon doll. It's Takeru's attempt on duplicating a Meikon doll.
4. In regards to Ruri's doll, Shinobu never said what kind of doll it was. It was definitely not a sacrificial doll, but it can protect the owner like Shinobu claimed, after he cast a spell on it. In Chinese superstition, this type of doll would be referred to as a "talisman" doll.





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